SPRING.

As little children gather round their mother, And bee her a familiar fals to tell— One that is dearer for than any other, Bocause so often board and known so well;

And as they watch her, prompting should she faller.

And any variation quickly see,
And ary: "Bow't tell it so, don't change and We want it just the way it used to be."

fo do we come to thee, O Nature—Mother, And never tire of listeming to thy tales. Tell us the sering-time story now—no other. That lasth a wondrous charm, which nev

Tell it with all the old time strength and Borr, the many a happy song and shout; but it with many a happy song and shout; but in the story, then t leave one daffedd or daisy out. Tell us each shade to all the tree's soft green

I Don't skip one blade of grass, one bee, one Each little thing has grown so full of mean In the dear story we would bear again.

O Mother Nature! thou art old and heary.
And wonderful and strange things thou But we, like children, love the spring-time And think it best, because we know it well.

- Besste Chandler, in Century.

THE ENCHANTED TOWNS.

Superstition and Tradition in the Mexican Wilds.

The Beautiful Vermillion Sea-Searching for Lost Cities and Heavenly Seenes -An Old Indian Guide Revives a Current Legend.

No scenery in Southern or Central Mexico exceeds in point of grandeur and beauty the view from the heights of the Sierra Madre. Standing on the top of this range and looking to the west one sees on the horizon a long line of gold, which has been called the Vermillion Sea. The panorama presented is such as Mexico only contains Peaks to their very summits covered with verdure, canyons whose vast depths the light of the sun never penetrates, cliffs, springing from the regions of perpetual summer, on whose brows the clouds eternally rest. In the near distance may be seen the foot Lills, gradually shading off into the vast plain boundod on the further side by the "Vermil-lion Sea." The light of the sun shining on the grand scenery, or bursting through some cloud-capped mountain peak, gives the whole an air of grandone even familiar with Alpine scenery. In what is now the border between

the States of Durango and Sinaloa, this region culminates in mountains of rug-ged grandeur and eanyons of dizzy depths, remarkable even in Mexico. Los Tres Frailes, El Cerro Pelon and Quaguento lift their rock-crowned heads above the clouds into the glare of eternal sun, and from their feet, brough canyons which only the Yosemite can rival, flow the rivers San Lorenzo, Piastla and Presidio. These streams, almost dry in the dry seasons, are swelled to roaring torrents by the rains. Surely nothing is more sublime than the mad, dashing torrent thundering down mountain cascades to the sea of gold. Countless rainbows representtalized the beauties of San Levenzo waterfalls for the world to admire. Surely a more fitting subject could not tempt an artist, and in the near future we may expect some ambitious student, tired of copyling the great musters, to enter the study of Los Tres Frailes, and bring back with him fame and money. There he will find heights sufficient for his imagination, rugged grandeur, lights, shades and color that

would delight the heart of any painter.

It is in these canyons that tradition lost or enchanted towns-are situated. Often around the camp fire, or on the deer trail, climbing those rugged ights, or hiding from the fierce rays of the sun beneath some spreading tepiguage, the traveler listens to some gray-haired Aztee recounting the lost glories of El Naranjal and Juego de Barras, which even the old Spanish records mention, until fired by their enthusiasm, he has almost resolved to coarch for the orange groves, deserted haciendas and rich mines said to exist in some of these eraggy canyons. The umbrageous peaks and deep, unfathomable canyons, are in places almost without inhabitants. An occasional without inhabitants. An occasional prospector searching for the Reals Perlidos, or lost mming towns, a fugitive from justice or an occasional vacuero, scarcing for lost stock, are all who enter that trackless laterinth of rocks, forests, and rivers. But the lower country is not entirely populated with enchanted towns. Les Realitos are hidden away in nooks and corners of this world set on edge -Ventaur, Guande Guaguaias, all mining towns, some ruin, but the destruction of Mexico. He was so proud and haughty that he for existence against the barren rock, swollen torrents and every ly the Meanrich would not dare punish the month of the punish to the month of the punish to the month of the month the adage of the Mexican miner: La

Experanza mucre al ultimo; (hope dies last of all.") and well he illustrates it, pounding away at barren dies last of all.") and well he illustrates it, pounding away at barren veins, hoping against hope. With Hasla la mucrie o la sucrie; ("til death or luck" as his motto,) he works away, and the mucrie more often his fate than the sucrie. When a lucky miner has succeeded in making "a raise," he is in constant danger of losing both his property and his life from the handitti which hover about as vultures about a dead careass. That fabulous wealth lies concealed in the bowels of those hills, there can be no questioned. els of those hills, there can be no question; but it will require a different class of miners and a different state of society and now exists in Mexico to develop it. sunn now exists in Mexico to develop it The full blood Aztec seems to delight more in recounting the lost glories of the Montegumas than to add to them.

Perdidos O Eucantados date back on his flesh, until his lower limbs were perhaps a hundred years before the conquest by the Spaniards. These lectoraged are beyond doubt founded on the normous wealth the mountain mines suffocation. known to contain. As stories ever change to sait the age, constantly his chief counselor, and had him armagnifying, it is very easy to conceive rested. But Heraclio had such condimagnifying. It is very easy to conceive how these buried mines of gold and silver peeping out from the mountain sides could be changed to cities and hackendas of wealth initial awaiting the discoverer. The more ignorant miners of the present day still believe these-stories and legends to be true; hence, with Haste la minerte o la sucrie finily resolved in his heart, he works manner. He had over estimated his power, and had him arrested. But Heracilo had such condition that he did not derain that him has he was going across the judical chamber he saw his own portrait hang-time with a like three conditions. As he was going across the judical chamber he saw his own portrait hang-time with a like three conditions. As he was going across the judical was more was limited by the wall, with a like three conditions and had him arrested. But Heracilo had such conditions that he did not dream that has he was going across the judical was more was limited by the wall, with a like three conditions and hackendas of wealth intold awaiting the manner of the wall. With a like three conditions that he did not dream that he was going across the judical chamber he saw his own portrait hang-time was a like the wall, with a like three conditions that he did not dream that he was going across the judical was more was limited. The wall was a like the was going across the judical was manner and the wall was a like three conditions that he denoted him to denote in his high position that he did not dream that he was going across the judical was him own portrait hang-time was a like three conditions and the wall was a like three was limited. The wall was a like three was limited to the wall was a like three conditions and the wall was a like three conditions manner. He had over-estimated his away with a real which could not be otherwise inspired. If he would depend more on pluck, ingenuity and modern mining machinery he would succeed the herrors of remorse. The blood of the neurons of remorse, the herrors of remorse. The blood of the neurons of remorse. The blood of the neurons of remorse, the herrors of remorse. The blood of the neurons of remorse, the house of finding buried or enchanted cities. They remain that these towns, like They remain that these towns, like Pompeil, have been buried in some post irruption or entriquake, and that these towns, like and the mountains. Los Tres Fralies was first reached, and when he had concealed himself, he lay down to post irruption or entriquake, and that these towns, like and the mountains. Los Tres Fralies was first reached, and when he had concealed himself, he lay down to appreciate the work and they dispens, with the heaves were that the theory was more than the thirty dispense, with the heaves of lage of less than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosmopolitize sheep and make the first and the house of more than the first sheep and make the first sheep and make the house of more than the flood of the mountains. Los Tres Fralies was first reached, and when he had concealed himself, he lay down to present the interval of the work went into effect April 15. The village of less than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosmopolitize sheep and make the house of more than the flood of the mountains. In 1836, is now a cosmopolitize sheep and make the house of more than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosmopolitize sheep and make the house of more than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosmopolitize of more than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosm

by some of the white-headed Indians would rival the Arabian Nights. The Spanish proverb Poco barba, poco verquenza ("little beard, little shame") is frequently applied to the garrulous Indian to discredit any thing he may say. Surely one would have to be very classe to it. It fled, going down, down,

My narrator was an old Indian named Ramirez, whose chief occupation was guiding tourists and miners light. The gates were of pearl, and who visit this almost unknown part of the world. Ramirez had regaled himing armor solemnly marched. He had self with a drink of pulque, which is no thought of the fawn now, but slak-the favorite beverage of Mexico, and ing his thirst in the first stream he bronzed skin contrasted strangely with his white jacket and trousers, and im- as he came near the gate. The unhalf reclining on the ground, lazily watching the donkeys and mustang. I lanee in such a way that the senor's courage seemed all of a sudden to desert him. 'Who are you?' "He explained that he was a Gener-

oyed himself better, while I was in al of the army of the King of the Azloyed himself better, while I was in all of the army of the higher constant dread lest some wild mountain brigands, who infest the Sierra Madre might suddenly appear from some convenient chaparral and deprive me of fused to admit him until he had burned

the Vermillion Sea."
"I have almost given up the idea of venture too near those dangerous-looking places.
"Why, senor?" asked Ramirez, fix-

ing his great dark eyes on me.
I am afraid of these mountain robbers who lurk in the canyons.

Well, sometimes the pronunciados get among these canyons, but we are more likely to find prospectors, hunting for the Reals Ferdidos O Encan-

What do you mean?" I asked. "Whoever finds the enchanted towns will be rich.'

no little amazement. He opened his eyes, and for a few noments I never saw such a complete of

picture of astonishment and indignation. At last removing his pipe the the joined in the songs he heard every-"I am very sorry senor said that. It

The Reals Perdidos are true.'

that they will never pay for the discovery if found. As to there being enhanted towns and cities, inhabited or uninhabited, I believe that to be wholly a myth.

Though using the best Mexican at Though using the best Mexican at my command. I am yet in doubt whether the old Aztec fully understood me. He seemed, however, to catch the drift of my idea, and as if to concame to the pool and found it a fount and was on the pool and found it a fount children, which is the most skeptical mind, prosed to narrate one egends. As I had heard many before and knew that while they abounded in the extravagant, they were rich in incident, I consented to listen to another. It would be fully three hours before the lazy guide could be induced to stir from beneath the tepiguage, so the time might as well be passed in storytelling as in any other way. His story was of one of these cuchanted cities, and hidden orange groves. I here give it as near as I can remember it. The

translation may not be literal, but in substance it is the same. "Many years ago when the children of the sun ruled this part of the world, while the grandfather of Montezuma was on the throne there was a young man of noble birth in his court. He was brave, and one of the King's best Generals. His name was Heraelio, and wherever he led the armies Montezuma, they were successful. This Heraclio possessed a very violent temper, and when in a rage was terrible. A witch of the mountains cautioned him semay, San Dumas, Fyolitia, San Vin-cente, Bacis, Hirahuapau and San Jose de Guaguaias, all mining towns, some rain, but the destruction of Mexico. He beat him with a stick until he was bruises from head to foot. Then he had the vultures come day by day, and devour his flesh as fast as it grew, That the Mexicans were aware of the almost fabulous welth corrained in these regions even before me appearused every device to increase it. The Prince prayed to die and end his suffice of Mernando Cortez, there can but death was denied him. s no doubt.

The many legends of the Reals Herschio kept tame vultures to feast

"The King heard of the cruelty of

and rival the Arabian Nights. The aniah proverb Poco barba, poco versenza ("little beard, little shame") ing any save the filin-near ing any part of the provently applied to the garrulous and brought with him. He espied fawn a short distance away and gave chase to it. It fled, going down, down, an old school-house, an old tance, the streets of which were paved with gold. The spires and roofs glistened so that he scarce could bear the light. The gates were of pearl, and before them tall, dark soldiers in shinlighted an antique pipe which seemed to afford him infinite satisfaction. His dos O Encantados.'

"'Alto abi,' (halt) said the sentry mense sombrero on the ground at his fortunate Heraelio came to a stand-side. Ramirez was half sitting and still, for the man handled his shining

the few reals and pesetas of silver I incense to the gods for the peace of the possessed, or take away our animals man he had so cruelly murdered. The and arms, leaving us helpless in the mountain wilds. Ramirez seemed to have no concern about the wild der, but he could not humiliate him marauders, and took matters as coolly self in this manner. For days and we keep a margaret about the valley. as if he had been in the heart of civiliza- we ks he wandered about the valley, on. To my urgent requests to go on, subsisting on grass, and roots, and herbs, like the cattle—refosing to do "Don't be in too great haste, senor: he answered:
"Don't be in too great haste, senor; the bidding of the sentry. The sentry we can not reach them before nightfall. It is never safe to travel when the sun is so hot. We will be able to them, or get a glimpse of the interior. From behind those walls came the state waste care that ever heard. It seemed to come from some instrument that floated in the air. exploring the canyons, Ramurez, said, for having heard so many stories almost drive him mad. He was not said, for having heard so many stories almost drive him mad. He was not said, for having heard so many stories almost drive him mad. He was not said, for having heard so many stories and the most loadisome animal stories and the most loadisome animal stories. white dove seemed to act as his friend, and urged him to comply with the de-mand of tae sentry, and enter the gate. He held out yet awhile, but his torment was too great and at last he complied, burning incense to appease the wrath of the gods. Then as he approached for the Reals Perdidos O Facan-They are harmless and would sainte, and the gates of pearl opened wide for him to enter. He passed with a sigh he continued: "I may not through, accompanied by the dove, be the one, but whoever he is, he will which bidding him follow, spread its wings and flew to a greve the like of which Heraclio had never seen. There were trees loaded with choice fruits and flowers, and the air was burdened "Are you so foolish as to believe any with an aroma, the richness of which thing of the kind exists?" I asked in can only be imagined. The paths were

"Heraelio was delighted, but no on shows that much as may be known of speke to him, and as he approached other countries, nothing is known of they melted away. He wondered at Mexico, or the history of the Aztecs. the cause of all this. Glancing at his the cause of all this. Glancing at his hands he saw that they were red. Blood "Mining towns may be lost," I answered, "and doubtless are. They may be buried beneath land-slides, earthquakes, and sometime in the with him while it was the blood of the Prince he had murdered that was on his hands, and no one would associate with him while it was there. Here that they will never pay for the discovsaid there was a pool in which the blood stains could be washed away. Heraelio was taken to the pool. He Heraelio was taken to the pool. had to press his way through a chap-arral of thorns, infested with scrpents.

inlaid with gold and diamonds.

'How can I be cleansed by bathing there?' he asked. The dove assured him he would, and after a long time he plunged into the pool. When he came out, lo! every thing was changed. The dangerous chaporral had disappeared, and the enchanted city which had been receding from him, now seemed momentarily drawing nearer. All stains had disappeared from his hands and he was now as white as snow. The pool had become a fountain of living water. Those white-robed people gathered about him, as he stepped from the water, and bursts of glad music filled the air. He was conducted to the enchanted city, down its streets of shining gold. Straight to the palace of Tezen-co, he was led by the white-robed throng. In the royal palace was a court-yard, on the opposite sides of which were two halls of justice. In the grincipal one, called the tribunal of God, was a throne of pure gold, inlaid with turquoises and other precious stones. On the stool in front was placed a human skull, crowned with an mmense emerald of pyramidal form, and surmounted by an algret of brilliant plumes and precious stones. The skull was laid on a heap of shields, quivers, bows and arrows. The walls were hung with tapestry made of the hair of different wild animals, of rich and varied colors, festooned by gold rings and embroidered with figures of birds and flowers. Above the throne was a anopy of variegated plumage the center of which issued remember at rays from the precious gene and gold. There was another apartment in the palace called the King's tribunal. It was gorgeously surmounted with a canopy of rare feathers worked in fig-ures of beautiful colors. Here the Sovereign of the Encantados gave pub-lic audience and issued his dispatches, which are frequently directed to differ-ent parts of the earth and have more effect on mortals than they think. when he decides on important causes, or confirms a sentence, he passes to the tribunal of God, attended by fourteen great Lords of the realm, marshaled according to rank. Then, put-ting on the mitred crown incrusted with precious stones, and holding a golden arrow for a scepter in his left hand, he lays his right on the skull

All the wonders of the enchanted towns can not be told. Men have been there and come back, but it's so many As Ramirez finished I asked him h ve had not better go. He assented and in five minutes we were mounted and riding up the steep ascent. I could not but think that Ramirez had got the history, legends and religion of his

country somewhat mixed. - John R.

and pronounces his awful judgment.

-The city of Newark, N. J., was in-

A COUNTRY SCHOOL HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

Buston Globe.

What

rether, add a glass of sherry, and, last-

ly, add gradually one pint of milk, Bake half an hour in a moderate oven.

-Dr. Gleason asserts that the be-

remedy for bleeding at the nose is the vigorous motion of the jaws, as in the

act of chewing. In the case of a child,

a wad of paper should be inserted in the mouth and the child instructed to chew it hard. The motion of the jaws

stops the flow of blood. - Western Rural.

-No pruning at all is safer practice

hands of an ignoramus. It requires skill and knowledge of varieties and

their peculiarities, which few possess, to prune apple and pear trees proper-

-The garden should be ent down to

the smallest space consistent with family needs and then take good care of it.

Thorough culture enables us to raise more and better vegetables on a small lot than could be had from double the

names. - San Francisco Uhronicle

and juice; one teaspoonful

shad with a cloth dipped in vinegar season the inside with salt and pepper

parsley, the juice of half a lemon, and

seaten to a stiff froth, making a pull

nount of watery sap, having less than

the garden to woman's work. It

that the wives and daughters of farm-

change of occupation, and creates a

necessity for exercise in the open air

Selecting Unprofitable Sheep and Cows for

ability is that the sheep from which it

better wool in the future. It is not a

are profitable to keep in a dairy herd. A

and smishine.

their jack-knives is to-day the writing desk around the wall, save where has been whittled too much be of further service a new piece has been inserted, giving the youth of the present day enlarged facilities for dec-In front are the same old wooden benches over which the children of to-day swing in and out after the fashion of their grandmothers in days of long ago. The presiding genius of the place is even in keeping with the surroundings; a master in winter to manage turbulent boys, and while his farm demands his attention during the summer months, some schoolmarm fills up the interval and aids overburdened parents in the care of children who are in the way at home.

As one old master is obliged to lay aside the duties of his office on account of the infirmities of age or to go to his last resting-place, a new one is found so nearly like the old that the change is hardly perceptible. Even the very ferule and hickory club are carried and used as effectually as by the masters of

a century ago.

The children of to-day spell out the words in the Testament at the opening of school with the same moderation as did their ancestors in '76, and the same old blue-covered spelling book is yet in the hands of the pupils, keeping alive the momentous questions whether the man who made spelling-books and the one who talked politics were one and the some, and if so why should he live so much longer than other folks, and questioning the propriety of changing the old catechism so as to read Noah Webster, and not Methuselah, was the oldest man. But at length the march of improvement reaches our rugged hills and invades our territory. A young lady from the city, a graduate from a prominent high school, appears at the door of our district committee as a candidate for the school. He staresa departure from our custom, but will consult the people of the district and let her know. Unanimously they "We'll try the city lady. BBY: enters upon the duties of her office. Leaves all the attractions of one of our prominent Connecticut cities to enter upon her life work as teacher. A roung lady full of life, energy and deter-mination to make her first effort a suc-

The old school-house is made to look more cheerful by the addition of a few vards of white cotton cloth at the winmet people with faces and garments of snow. There were birds of the lows, and the blackboard instead of being used for drawing caricatures of the teacher, is kept filled with well-exbrightest plumage in the grove and

ecuted school-work.

The very school-room seems to be filled with a different air. No instru-ment of torment is in view, and two dozen pairs of prying eyes have tried in vain to discover its hiding place. What! aschool with no whip! The city is filled with horrible means of torture and some dreadful thing must be here invisible. One sharp pair of eyes discovers near the blackboard two oblong articles. "I have found out," is the first confidential talk with a compan-"She'll box us 'side the head those things by the blackboard." and at the close of the session pupils scatter homeward to make known to parents the wenderful discovery. Catch her using them things on my children. children return to school to tell what

ing things are taken in hand. Breath- is removed. If the fleece is light in less slience reigns in the achool-room.

Who is the victim? The teacher quietly uses them for cleaning the blackboard. and the great mystery is still unsolved. was taken is not worth keeping. It is Still wonders do not cease. A spelling not a good animal to breed from, as Ayer's Pills.

Class is called and a pupil spells e-o-w, "like produces like," and there is no Atwars of scound with the control of the contr Teacher says pronounce the word cow, not ke-ow.

Clast dismissed and at close of school teacher says: "Children, when you good sheep for wool, and the only meet a person on the street say, 'How chance to make money out of the sn-do you do?' not 'Hello!' " imal is in preparing its flesh for food, imal is in preparing its flesh for food.

Children look amazed and report to It will be best to mark it to distinguish parents. "The teacher is overstepping her duties, meddling with outside matters, and besides, is easting a reflection on the manners of the people." Members of the board of education are con-bers of the board of education are con-sulted as to the limits of : teacher's sheep can select enough at shearing salted as to the limits of : teacher's sheep can select enough at shearing power. The six members of the board time to supply his family with fresh meat during the summer and fall withhave all presided as teachers in the flown, and it is against the rules to criticise aty thing out of school-hours, and surely it shows a great lack of familiarity between teacher and pupils not to say "Hello!" Now, here is our when the entire is offered for sale. not to say "Hello!" Now, here is our chance. We have always secceeded in keeping city teachers out of the place. We have teachers enough of our own and need the money ourselves, and we have quietly revoked city teachers and we have quietly revoked city teachers and they have been obliged to bave so if we can only manage this one success fully, probably there will be no attacked.

When the entire is offered for sale.

Every sheep-keeper should endeavor to improve, year by year, the quality of the wool, and shearing time affords the best opportunity to select the animal male that make a poor return for their keep. By putting them into a good pasture and feeding them some grain, they can be fattened in a few weeks at fully, probably there will be no attacked. we can only manage this one success they can be lattened in a low weeks at fully, probably there will be no atvery small expense. The butchers in rooms to sample the small towns generally have trouble to a small towns generally have trouble to had mutton to supply their customers, and are prepared to buy fat sheep of these without the sample of the s

ods introduced here.

The committee of the district is confarmers who live near them. Withers mited, but says: "Not a complaint has can be made fat by the 1st of July, reached his cars from a person whom but ewes that have lambs must be kept he considers competent to judge of the merits of a school. He has visited the school considered the teaching supersor, discipline excellent, and every should decide whether it is profitable.

hing satisfactory."

A meeting of the board is called in a flock, so the amount and richness of retired place and the certificate is re-the milk given by cows during several worked because "new methods" are in-weeks should determine whether they

Is it to be wondered at that in such a milk-producer can not afford to keep a district, with thirty families four of the cow that only furnishes a small amount district, with thirty families four of the male heads of the families can neither read nor write, and the generation now coming on promises to even outdo the former in ignorance?—Hartford Courant.

Courant.

cow that only furnishes a small amount of poor milk during a few months in the year. Neither will be find profit in keeping one that is a hard milker, one that is inclined to kick on very slight provocation or one whose milking period is quite short. Cows whose

Some Rare Specimens. Prof. Edward Palmer, of the Smithsonian Institution, has just returned dairy stock. They should be used from Mexico, where he was sent by for filling the beef barrel and not the rears ago that none are living now. If they all some back loaded down with gold. But no one can enter there with leaf specimens. He brought back a bloody hands." the institution to collect some botan. milking pail. The sooner they are co large number of rare specimens. cow as a milker can generally be de-twenty-five per cent. of which were termined during the summer after she twenty-five per cent, of which were new to notanists. The professor also brought a number of implements, utends, etc., used by the Terahumares Indians, who lived in the arid wilds of the Sierra Madre mountains. These Indians, some ten thousand in number, live in the most primitive and sluple manner, their clothing being merely a blanket and a breech clout, and they dispense with the branket in corporated on March 18, 1836, and the act went into effect April 15. The village of less than twenty thousand in habitants in 1836, is now a cosmopolitan city, and the home of more than one hun ired and fifty thousand people one hun ired and fifty thousand people No hats and no shoes hey sleep on mats on grains sheep and make olen blankets. Prof. them with the milk or cream furnished.

icature Plant."

-It is claimed that eistern water The Curious Capers Cut by the Leaves o may be purified by hanging in it a bag-filled with charvoal. One of the most remarkable plants -Lemon Pudding: Three oggs, one in the whole vegetable kingdom is that cup of sugar, one spoonful of butter, the juice and grated rinds of two lem-ons and a little salt. Beat all well toknown to botanists as the Justicia Picta, which has been well named "The Car-

heavy, large-leafed plant, with purple blossoms, chiefly remarkably for the light-yellow centers of its dark-green leaves. When I first saw this odd plant and was thinking what a sickly, blighted appearance the queer, yellow stains gave it, I was suddenly impressed with the fact that the plant was "making faces" at me. And my first impression was correct. This curious shrub had indeed occupied itself in growing up in ridiculous caricatures of the "human face divine," until it now than the putting a sharp knife into the stood, covered from the topmost leaf down, with the queerest faces imagina-Nature had taken to caricaturing. The flesh-colored profiles stood out in strong relief against the dark-green of ly. What would be good treatment for one variety would be rulnous to others.—N. Y. Herald.

the leaves.

A discovery of one of these vegetable marks led to an examination of a sec-ond and a third leaf, until all were seanned as closely and curiously as the leaves of the comic papers that form the caricature plants of the literary kingdom. What a valuable plant this would be

urface neglected. So of seeds. Ouc, or at most two, unexceptional varieties s better than an entire catalogue of When an order was sent to him for a "speaking likeness" of some unhappy politician, he could simply visit his -Current Cakes: One pound flour, ne-half pound butter, three-quarters Justicia Picta with paper and pencil in pound sugar, four eggs, one-half pound hand, and look over the leaves for a currants, well washed and dredged; suitable squint, grin or distorted nose suitable squint, grin or distorted nose one-half teaspoonful soda dissolved in bot water; one-half lemon, grated rind to sketch from. He could moreover affim with truth that the portrait was "taken from nature." Cuthbert Col-Drop from a spoon upon well-buttered lingwood, the celebrated naturalist, paper, lining a baking-pan. Bake quickly. -Buston Budget. says of the Justicia Picta: "One of those plants in the garden of Gustave -Boiled Shad: Wipe the skin of fresh Dore would be worth a fortune to him supplying him with a never-failing fund of grotesque physiognomies from which he might illustrate every seriolay it flat on a well-greased gridiron, boil the inside first, then the skin side: comic romance ever written." I have never heard of the cultivation of the while it is boiling mix together two tablespoonfuls of sweet butter, one of caricature plant in this country, but botanists tell us that it is a hardy shrub. I think we should be g ad to see the a little pepper and salt; put the shad on a plate, pour over the dressing, and place slices of lemon around it.—N. E. funny faces on its leaves. After all the lovely flowers we are called upon to After all admire. I am sure that a plant evidently intended to make us laugh would re-—A delicious prune pudding is made by stewing a pound of prunes till they are soft; remove the stones, and sugar ceive a warm welcome. -Alice May in St. Nicholas. to your taste; add whites of three eggs

Light Two Miles Under Water.

paste for the bottom of the pudding dish; after beating the eggs and prunes together till they are thoroughly mixed. spread them on the crust, bake for half n hour, or until you are sure the crust is done.—Ex:hauge.

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